



# CCM 2013 Testimony

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## ***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

*There are several proposals before the Committee today designed to provide responses to the natural disaster emergencies of the past two years:*

**CB 460, "An Act Concerning Coastal Protection Measures, Routine Maintenance and Repair of Shoreline Structures, State-Wide Policy Concerning Water Resources and Procedures of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection"**

**CB 459, "An Act Concerning Local Control Over Coastal Areas"**

CCM supports the intent behind these proposals, but urge the Committee to consider an alternative way, beyond circumventing the permitting process, to achieve their ends.

CCM supports the following proposals which would provide a more focused and deliberative process to determine how to *assist towns and cities and homeowners struggling as a result of costal natural disaster emergencies.*

**CB 461, "An Act Establishing A Task Force to Study Municipal Coastal Management in Times of Emergency"**

This bill would establish a task force to "study the effects of authorizing municipalities, in times of emergency, to supersede decisions made by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection concerning coastal management."

**CB 462, "An Act Establishing A Task Force to Study Seawalls"**

This bill would require the study of seawalls for the protection of shoreline lives and property



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